APUSH (Scacewater) CCHS 4th 9 Weeks Guidelines

The 4th 9 weeks will be brief because the exam is in mid-May (the 15th). As such, there will not be many grades and no more grades after the AP exam. You will have two options for this quarter, with details explained below.

**Option 1**: Seminar Style Tutorials in addition to regular class. With this option, you will be guaranteed a grade of no **less** than 95% for the 4th Quarter. Keep in mind, this only accounts for 20% of your year grade, but it can be a huge boost to many of you. However, there are some strict, specific requirements for this option.

1. You will take all exams and quizzes and they will be recorded in PB in case you miss the requirements for the guaranteed 95%
2. You will need to purchase 3 books, read them, complete preparation questions on the books, and we will discuss the books in class and after school seminars, which will run from approximately 2:30-3:15.
   1. *A Short History of Reconstruction* by Eric Foner ($9.78 on Google eBooks)
   2. *All the Shah’s Men* by Stephen Kinzer ($9.99 on Google eBooks)
   3. *The Cold War: A Very Short Introduction* by Robert McMahon ($7.99 Google eBooks)

There will be a pre-set reading schedule and you will have to read 30-45 minutes per school night. This would be a firm, 5 week commitment and to do this, I will require at least 5 people to sign up. If the Google price is too much, all can be purchased cheaply on Amazon.com. You WILL need a copy of the book for discussions, either the paperback version or your laptop/ipad to view the eBook. In the seminar we will review the preparation questions, discuss the author’s thesis, how well he proves it, and so forth. I will offer 10 after school sessions, and you **must** attend 8 to receive the 95%. **Furthermore**, you will be required to take a brief quiz after we discuss each book, and you must get a 75% on that quiz to get credit. Lastly, you MUST participate in each session you attend. This means a minimum of 5 remarks or questions about the book. So before you choose to do this, think long and hard about the requirements. If you miss even one requirement, your grade for the quarter will be what you earned on exams/quizzes during 2nd period class time.

Seminar After School Schedule:

April 16, 17, 18

April 23, 24, 25

April 30, May 1, May 2

May 6

Reading schedule:   
Session 1: Foner, Intro, Chapters 1-2

Session 2: Chapters 5-7

Session 3: Chapters 8-10

Session 4: Chapters 11-12, Epilogue

Session 5: Kinzer: Preface, Chapters 1-3

Session 6: Chapters 7-9

Session 7: Chapters 10-11, Epilogue

Session 8: McMahon, Preface, Chapters 1-3

Session 9: Chapters 4-6

Session 10: Chapters 7-8

**Option 2**: Traditional Grading Scale using the same weights. There will be 4 Multiple Choice Exams, 2 Graded DBQ’s (as exam grades), 1 Graded FRQ (as an exam grade), 2 Practice DBQs (as a DBQ grade) and 10 short quizzes.

* You can guarantee yourself no worse than a 90% on the Final Exam by attending 2 full length AP Practice Exams. These will be decided when we return and will be from 2:30-5:35 (or 1:30-4:35 if Wed). We will pick 3 dates and you can attend 2.